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JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME CODEX COMMITTEE ON MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS

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PROPOSED DRAFT MODEL EXPORT CERTIFICATE FOR MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS

Governments and international organizations wishing to submit comments on the following subject matter are invited to do so **no later than 27 February 2004** to: Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products, New Zealand Food Safety Authority, 68 - 86 Jervois Quay, P.O. Box 2835, Wellington, New Zealand (Facsimile: +64 4 463 2583 or E-mail: daniel.herd@nzfsa.govt.nz), with a copy to the Secretary, Codex Alimentarius Commission, Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme, Via delle Terme di Caracalla, 00100 Rome, Italy (Fax No + 39.06.5705.4593; E-mail: codex@fao.org).

Background

1. The Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products agreed at its' 5th Session (April 2002) to the elaboration of a proposed draft Model Export Certificate for Milk and Milk Products, subject to approval as new work by the 50th Session of the Executive Committee. The Committee requested a drafting group led by Switzerland, with the assistance of Argentina, Australia, Denmark, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Spain, United Kingdom, United States and the IDF, to elaborate the proposed draft Model Export Certificate for Milk and Milk Products for circulation, comments and additional consideration at the 6th session of the CCMMP.
2. The Committee stressed that the Certificate should primarily focus on aspects related to human health, and should only take account of aspects related to animal health if directly related to consumer protection. It was also agreed that the document should not be in conflict with the Codex Guidelines for Generic Official Certificate Formats and the Production and Issuance of Certificates (CAC/GL 38-2001) and should take account of the work of other international organisation activities in this area. The Committee also agreed to inform the Codex Committee on Food Hygiene of this undertaking. (Alinorm 03/11, para 121/122).
3. The 50th Session of the Executive Committee approved CCMMPs' proposal to elaborate a draft Model Export Certificate for Milk and Milk Products as new work (Alinorm 03/30A, Appendix III).
4. The proposed draft Model Export Certificate for Milk and Milk Products was redrafted taking in account the comments received at the 5th CCMMP and the fact, that the primary focus should be on aspects related to human health. This draft was then sent to the Drafting Group for comments and guidance.

5. The draft Model Export Certificate for Milk and Milk Products was redrafted in the light of the comments received from the Members of the Drafting Group. According to the Guidelines for Generic Official Certificate Formats (CAC/GL 38-2001, §16) the "Country of Dispatch" has to be given. As no definition for this term exists and no consensus on its meaning in relation with dairy products was achieved, it is completed with "Country of Origin" and put in square brackets. Further clarification on this point is necessary. The indication of the country of origin of the milk used should, in conformity with the Guidelines for Generic Official Certificate Formats (CAC/GL 38-2001, §16), only be mentioned in exceptional cases justified by immediate public health concern.
6. Furthermore, the nature of food is required even though it is not clearly stated what is meant by "nature of food". For the purpose of this certificate the nature of food is defined as the name of the food, according to the General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods § 4.1 (CODEX/STAN 1-1985 Rev. 1-1991).
7. It is suggested that the part on animal health requirements covering the production and the trade with milk and milk products should be separately elaborated by OIE and merged into the Certificate at a later stage.
8. The Drafting Group was of the opinion that
 - a. it is necessary to have a uniform format for the certificate.
 - b. for the purpose of clear identification of the product, the customs tariff number should be stated

Request for Comments

9. Governments and international organisations are invited to comment at Step 3 on the following draft Model Export Certificate for Milk and Milk Products (Annex 1) in conformity with the Procedures for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts (see *Codex Alimentarius Procedure Manual*, Twelfth Edition, pages 19-21), **not later than 27 February 2004.**

Logo/ letterhead of certifying body _____ Certificate No _____
 [Competent authority responsible for Certification]

Draft Model Export Certificate for Milk and Milk Products

I Nature of Food¹ _____
 Name of the Product (s) _____
 Customs Tariff N° (HS Code, 6 digits) _____

 Number of units _____ Net weight/weight per unit _____
 Lot identification or manufacturing date _____
 [Country of Origin of Milk²] _____

 Manufacturer or Factory Approval/Identity No³ _____
 Contact (Manufacturer or Trader) _____
 Address _____
 email _____ Fax _____

II [Country of dispatch/ Country of Origin] _____
 Means of transport _____
 Specific transportation /handling requirements⁴ (if appropriate)

 Exporter /Consignor Exporter License N°⁵ _____
 Name _____
 Address _____
 email _____ Fax _____

III Country of destination _____

 Importer / Consignee
 Name _____
 Address _____
 email _____ Fax _____

IV The above mentioned product (s) was/were produced in conformity with the
 Codex Recommended International Code of Practice - General Principles of Food Hygiene completed by the
 Codex Code of Hygienic Practice for Milk and Milk Products (under elaboration within CCFH at step 5).
 or
 The product(s) was/were produced in accordance with the public health requirements of (specify the
 exporting country)⁶ _____ .

V Animal health attestations⁷

Date and Place of Issuance of Certificate _____

Certifying body (stamp and signature)

¹ Indication of the name of the food, as in the General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods § 4.1 (CODEX/STAN 1-1985 Rev. 1-1991).

² In exceptional cases, justified by immediate public health concern.

³ Indication can be completed by a separate list, if several manufacturers.

⁴ Includes indication whether the good has to be stored and transported at temperatures specified by the manufacturer.

⁵ Exporter N° if available, voluntary basis.

⁶ This attestation is not indispensable, but may be made, as appropriate.

⁷ The 5th CCMMP noted that, the certificate should primarily focus on aspects related to public health. It is suggested that aspects related to animal health having an impact on public health should be elaborated jointly by Codex and OIE and be merged into the Certificate at a later stage.